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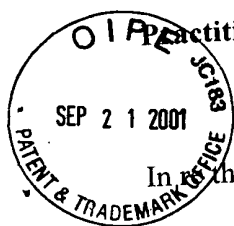
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Also attached is a copy of an Office Action from Japanese Patent Application 10-153256, which corresponds to the present application, in which these references were cited.

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